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FOREWORD

Hav-a-Look Gardens has once again forged to the front, winning two Silver and a Gold Medal on seedlings at the September, 1925 Combined Show of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and Dahlia Society of New England. "Frances Cooper" of Hav-a-Look not only won the Silver Medal for best undecimated seedling but also the Gold Medal Sweepstakes for best seedling in the Show. The garden was also awarded a Silver Medal for a highly meritorious collection of seedlings.

We also won 1st prize in the peony class with Mrs. Wm. A. Trow of Hav-a-Look.

This is the second time in three shows that the Gardens have won Best in the Show with seedlings, truly a highly satisfactory winning. I shall offer several other new seedlings this season, all of more than usual merit. Thanking my many friends and patrons for their many kindnesses as well as their esteemed patronage, I am yours for more and better Dahlias.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. L. Hill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

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Frances Cooper of
Hav-a-Look.

Winner of Gold Medal Sweep-
stakes, Boston, 1925.

“Frances Cooper” of Hav-a-Look

Winner of a first prize 1924, Silver Medal and first in undecimated seedling class, and Gold Medal Sweep stakes for *best* Dahlia in the show at Boston, 1925. The colorings of this immense Hybrid Decorative are shades of orange apricot, with tones of carrot red on reverse of petals, with a cadmiun yellow center which is high and full. A wonderful Exhibition variety that will average nine inches in diameter, has been grown eleven inches. This Dahlia is the most continuous and consistent bloomer I have ever grown. Even the laterals produce full sized flowers.

The stem is stiff and strong enough to hold the flowers, and is of good average length. The placement of the flower on the stem, however, tends to tip slightly forward, practically its only fault. All in all this variety is a wonderful production. I booked many orders for the above at the late show for delivery May 1st at \$25 per bulb; the season with me was so bad, and a frost September 23rd stopped the growth of so much stock of this variety that I have been obliged to cancel all orders for bulbs for 1926 and can offer only green plants of same and these only in a very limited quantity and reserve the right to cancel orders on these, and return the price in event of being oversold. If I had not already pledged myself to let this variety out in 1926, I would withdraw the same entirely. Orders will be filled and shipped in the order received.

Not over two plants to a customer in any event.

Green plants \$10.00 net

Lena Rivers Champlin of Hav-a-Look (New)

A wonderfully rich red purple Hybrid Decorative flower, averaging better than eight inches diameter, on strong stiff stems of good length that always face you. This flower is inclined to sport somewhat from a solid color and is sometimes inclined to show streaks of white in the center petals with an occasional white tip. I won 1st prize at Boston

1922, for best undecimated seedling in the show with this variety, it was at that time the most perfect white tipped flower ever shown in New England. I could have booked orders for every bulb I had of it at any price within reason, and was offered \$1000 the following summer for the 27 clumps I had of it growing, but alas—when it bloomed it refused to show a perfect white tipped flower, and it has never come true since with one or two exceptions. I have consistently refused to sell any of it until now, but it is a Dahlia that everyone wants that sees it, and my friends have finally persuaded me to let it out. So I offer it as is, for . . . \$15.00

The supply is still somewhat limited.

Mrs. Wm. A. Trow of Hav-a-Look

The queen of peonies—and winner of first prize in the Peony Class at Boston, 1925. A very large and heavy flower of the richest shades and tones of orange, apricot, and rich yellows—a tremendously free bloomer, with remarkably good stems for such a large heavy flower which will average better than eight inches diameter. To the lover of the peony type of flower, this variety will be particularly pleasing.

Stock very limited. \$10.00 per bulb, Net

Not more than one bulb to a customer.

Jane G. Donica of Hav-a-Look

A very fine type of Decorative full deep centers, nice twist to petals, which are broad and flat. The color is a remarkably clean clear rich yellow of very pleasing shade showing no trace of orange tones. Grows seven to eight inches diameter and the flower is beautifully placed on fine long stiff straight stems and will prove an exceptional variety for show purposes in vases or baskets.

Stock limited. \$5.00 per bulb, Net



Hav-a-Look Dazzler

The peer of all Red Dahlias.

"Hav-a-Look Dazzler"

The peer of *all* red dahlias to date. A Hybrid Decorative averaging nearly if not quite nine inches in diameter, very high, full center, and long flat petals slightly twisting at the ends, which recurve toward the back of the flower. I have had flowers of this variety that measured 11 1-4 inches in diameter. The flower stands erect on a strong stiff stem of medium length and faces you. The color is the most glowing intense crimson scarlet yet produced and has a velvety sheen possessed by no other red dahlia, in fact in the sunlight it positively dazzles the eyes (hence its name). This flower, were it any other color than red, would be easily worth twenty-five dollars a bulb. . . . \$10.00 per bulb, Net

Mrs. George A. Sexton of Hav-a-Look (New)

On first opening the bud of this remarkable flower is a velvety darkest (almost black) maroon which with age gradually grows lighter to a rich crimson maroon shading to a plum purple, with lighter purple veining on the reverse petals, has a nice twist to the petals which are wonderfully broad, and average 4½ to 5 inches long. The flower will average 9 to 10 inches diameter and is of nice depth, borne on remarkable stiff stems of good length and looks right at you all the time. One of the finest and largest Dahlias yet produced in the East. Can be easily grown 11 inches or more. I have always considered this flower a Hybrid Decorative with a full tight center—but the past season all the later flowers showed a decided tendency to open centers. Hence we will just call it a Hybrid Price \$10.00

Hav-a-Look Queen of the Autumn (New)

Hybrid Decorative flower, very large and deep on good stiff stems will average eight inches or better, a very difficult coloring to describe, a combination of all the different autumn shades with a rosy pink predominating, has never shown center with me. Truly a wonderfully choice flower

every way and an acquisition to any garden. The above description does not do this flower justice. It must be grown to thoroughly appreciate it \$10.00

Esther of Hav-a-Look

A true type of Hybrid Decorative, nice high center formation, a very full flower, that practically does not open, grows universally seven one half to eight inches diameter, fine stem, and a flower that looks right at you.

This Dahlia is nearer a true cerise in coloring than any other before the public today. Even with age, shows only a slight trace of magenta; the reverse is silvery and occasionally shows through the petals, which slightly twist at the ends, thus giving it a silver tip effect. Truly a remarkable Dahlia in every way. . . . \$5.00 each

Hav-a-Look Noontide

Another wonderful stemmed Decorative Dahlia, of brightest orange red, tinged and streaked with yellow, averages seven to seven and a half inches with occasional nine inch flowers, tall grower, and one of the best for the back row in the garden. Always up and looking at you.

\$3.00 each

Ethel J. Smith, of Hav-a-Look

This is one of the most unique Dahlias yet introduced, both in make-up as well as coloring. A Hybrid pure and simple, opens as a decorative; petals wide and long, which rapidly begin incurving, and with age looks like a big Chrysanthemum; many of the petals have a small spine like the barb of a fish hook, pointing to the center and is altogether the most unique petal I have ever seen. Ends of petals split. The color is like no other Dahlia, being the color of rich old port wine (of lamented memory) with a silvery reverse, occasionally throws a sport flower with beautiful cream white petals in center, which is remarkably attractive.

Stock limited \$3.00 each



HAV-A-LOOK GARDENS' Special Silver Medal Winning Exhibit for Meritorious Seedlings at the combined show of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and The Dahlia Society of New England, at Boston, Mass., September, 1925.

Hav-a-Look Crimson King

A large fine decorative of exceptional quality of petals, full to center, flowers, that will average seven and often eight inches, perfectly placed on remarkably long stiff stems, always facing the front, and as its name indicates, is a rich dark Harvard crimson, and is absolutely the best decorative of its color I know.

Stock limited. \$3.00 each

Hav-a-Look Gem

This as is indicated by its name is truly a Gem. A creamy colored incurved hybrid cactus type, the edges of the petals are a bright vermillion shading to orange and changing again to henna with age, the petals also incurving still more ball like.

This Dahlia created a furore at the Exhibition held by the Massachusetts Horticultural and Dahlia Societies of New England at Boston in September, 1921, and was awarded Honorable mention by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, as being a distinct departure in Dahlia production. I did not show for competition being one of the judges for the New England Society.

There is something particularly alluring about this Gem; the more you see it, the more you want it. Of average size, grows about four feet high, does better in a dry season, and will stand considerable pruning.

\$1.00 each

Hav-a-Look Rosy Morn

A round decorative showing a little of the show type of petals, good size and stems, with all the colorings of a Rosy morn, soft rose, shading through to the yellows, toward the center, which is full. A flower everyone likes

\$1.00 each

Hav-a-Look Pond Lily

I hesitated considerably about putting out this seedling, as the stem is not to my liking. It is stiff enough, but not large enough to hold the blossoms up-right. In color and quality of flowers it is exquisite. A fine flat decorative often seven and one half inches, the softest of salmon pink, outer petals suffused rosy pink, with a very soft yellow center, nearly every visitor who sees it exclaims, "I must have it even if it does hang its head." So I have decided to let it out to those who want it.

\$1.00 each

Hav-a-Look Glorious Sunrise

The name describes the flower, it is truly a glorious sunrise, the brightest vermillion, and brightest yellow, of any flower combining these two colors, petals are broad and much split at the ends, giving it a fringed appearance—would be classed as a peony type, good stems and size, and a constant bloomer.

A low grower \$1.00 each

These prices are for field grown bulb divisions except where noted and will be shipped any time desired after danger of frost has passed.



View of Entrance to Hav-a-Look Gardens
Visitors Welcome

